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Manhattan sees drugs, alcohol, assault in crime briefs

By JON PARTON
THE COLLEGIAN

Several alcohol citations made early Tuesday

Police issued three alcohol related citations to Manhattan residents in the 700 block of N. Manhattan Avenue in the early morning hours of Tuesday. Peter Tatarko, 24, was issued a citation for allegedly possessing an open container in public. Kashif Khan, 21, was issued a citation for allegedly permitting an open container into public. Khan is an employee of Eighteen 63. Madison Ropp, 18, was issued citations for allegedly being a minor in possession of alcohol, unlawful use of a driver's license and interference with law enforcement.

Herington man arrested in Aggieville

A Herington, Kan. man was arrested for allegedly striking another man unconscious in the early hours of Saturday morning. Curtis Heitfield, 21, was arrested for aggravated battery, battery and disorderly conduct in Aggieville near 12th and Moro streets. Heitfield was released on a \$5,000 bond.

Manhattan man arrested for illegal drugs

Riley County Police arrested a Manhattan man for allegedly possessing a number of illegal drugs. Leveris Horne, 22, was arrested while at the Riley County Jail for possession of opiates and of drug paraphernalia. Police searched his residence during an investigation into illegal drugs in the area of Manhattan. His bond was set at \$5,000 and has since been released.

No arrests made in aggravated assault investigation

RCPD responded to a report of aggravated assault in Manhattan on Saturday night for an incident that took place 9 1/2 hours earlier. The report alleges that a 27-year-old male and 21-year-old female were confronted by a suspect known to both of them. The suspect allegedly possessed a firearm and held it in a threatening manner at the two. No injuries were reported in the incident and no arrests have been made. Police officials said they are still investigating the matter and are withholding further information due to the nature of the crime.

K-State alumnus found slain inside Wichita radio station

By JON PARTON
THE COLLEGIAN

The body of K-State alumnus Daniel Flores was discovered in a Wichita radio station Monday morning. Flores was employed with the sports radio station KGSO-AM. Wichita Police determined there was a struggle and he was killed due to blunt force trauma.

An employee at the building discovered several misplaced items Monday morning and began searching for signs of burglary. Flores' body was discovered in the basement.

The 25-year-old Flores worked on the station's automation system and was scheduled to work Sunday night until 9 or 10 p.m.

Flores was a mainstay at KSDB-FM, where he hosted sports talk shows. Dan Page, a K-State alumnus and childhood friend, worked with Flores at the college radio station.

"We went to high school in Derby and played football together," Page said. "He was a year ahead of me and he always encouraged me. He's the only reason why I went to college."



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARY RENEE SHIRK
Jared Clark, Mary Renee Shirk, Dan Page, and Daniel Flores at the Kansas Association of Broadcasters college award ceremony in April 2011, holding awards they won for their work at KSDB.

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Commissioners discuss Manhattan city budget, debt, funding

By BRIDGET BERAN
THE COLLEGIAN

Though future snow-related infrastructure repair expenditures are predicted to contribute to Manhattan's already stretched city budget, the city's overall debt is predicted to continue declining.

The Manhattan City Commission opened its meeting Tuesday night with the annual revenue survey. Hillary Badger, assistant director of finance, explained to commissioners what various taxes and grants city budget money comes from. The city budget exceeds \$130 mil-

lion, which is distributed to various departments and projects throughout the city. According to Badger, 75 percent of revenue from property taxes go directly to Riley County Police Department and the Manhattan Public Library.

Bernie Hayen, director of finance, then presented on the direction in which they would like to see the budget be used and debated changes in funding. Hayen addressed concern that the city debt is currently more than \$273 million. Hayen said he anticipated that the debt will continue to decrease.

Commissioner Karen McCulloh questioned where the

street budget stood after the heavy snow.

"We are a little bit over budget from where we expected to be," Ron Fehr, city manager, said. "The bigger issue will be (in) coming years because of the melting and re-freezing of all the snow. Water gets in cracks in the roads, freezes and makes the cracks worse. I think we can expect to see more pot holes this spring."

The newly planned downtown conference center and parking garage's funding was also discussed. Commissioners debated whether to put the funding on a 15-year plan or to put it on a 20-year plan with the

potential to pay it off early. The 20-year plan wouldn't raise the mill levy as much, which Mayor Pro Tem Wynn Butler said he was in favor of. Commissioners approved the 20-year plan.

The last item on the table was a request from the Manhattan Area Housing Partnership to waive building and utility attachment fees for a building for low-income residents. The waiver would equal approximately \$24,000.

The Willow Creek complex would feature 12 two bedroom apartments, 12 three bedroom apartments and 4 four bedroom townhomes for a rental cost ranging from \$415-

750, depending on the income of the residents. Similar to the new Scenic Point complex, residents must fall between 40-60 percent of the average income in Manhattan.

Jill Jacoby, executive director of MAHP, spoke on behalf of the new complex and the benefits it will have to the community. Jacoby also explained that the organization would also be applying for grants to help lower costs. Currently Manhattan has 161 affordable housing units which have helped to combat homelessness and at-risk renters. Commissioners approved the waiver with a 4-1 vote.

Black Student Union aims to be role model for minority students

By SOM KANDLUR
THE COLLEGIAN

PARKER ROBB | THE COLLEGIAN

Political activist and entrepreneur **Kevin Powell** describes the various qualities of true leaders in his keynote address at the closing Black and White Banquet of the 36th annual Big 12 Black Student Union conference on leadership March 2, 2013.

The Black Student Union has worked towards promoting the interests of African American students on campus since its inception in the fall of 1969. Named as the most outstanding undergraduate black student council in the Big 12 for the sixth time in the last eight years as of February 2013, the BSU has sought to stay true to its preamble and "become positive role models for future minority students" at K-State.

Creation of the BSU

Speaking about the historical need for a BSU, Brandon Clark, program assistant for the Office of Diversity and adviser to the BSU,

said 1969 was a period with a lot of racial tension; a time where there was a small amount of black students on campus. As a result, the BSU was created as a means of promoting multicultural interests and give African American Students a voice on the K-State campus.

"We sensed the need to form a Black Student Union to help strengthen the African American community here, at least so the students who came here had a voice," Clark said. "That is primarily how the Black Student Union started - it was a way to address the injustices that were happening on our campus at the time but also a way to advance African American culture and make sure that we have a diverse faculty and staff here on campus."

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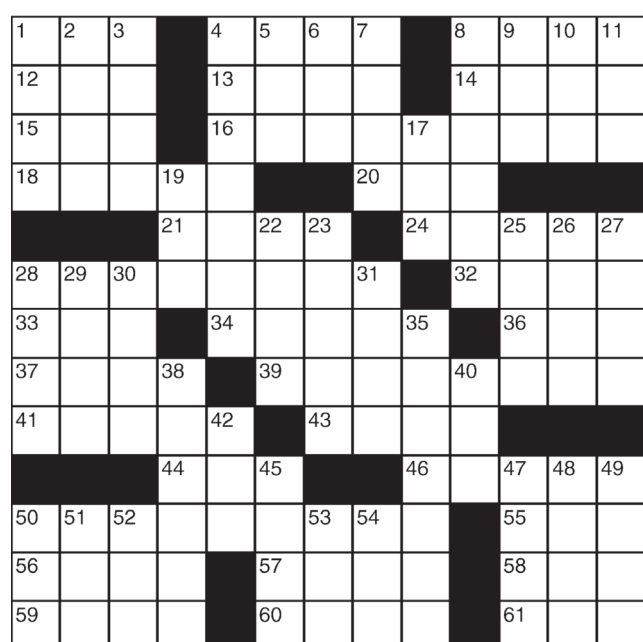
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Horribly Right | By Kathleen Murray



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If the Willie grams weren't so expensive I might even buy one for myself.

Any advice for a guy wanting to propose on Valentine's day?

The stairs outside of Kedzie are icy enough to host the Olympics.

How 'bout them Wildcats??

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Of my three classes today, I fell asleep in two of them. Does that make me a bad student?

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Big 12 champion, No. 21 K-State baseball team ready to start season Friday

By SPENCER LOW
THE COLLEGIAN

After winning their first conference title in 80 years and hosting the first NCAA Regional in K-State history, the Wildcats traveled to take on Oregon State in a best of three series in June, with the winner jetting off to Omaha, Neb. for the 2013 NCAA Men's College World Series and the loser going home.

K-State came home to Manhattan.

This Friday marks the first step towards another journey in hopes of an Omaha finish for head coach Brad Hill and his team. The team currently ranks No. 21 in the USA Today preseason Coaches' Poll, No. 18 by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and have picked to finish on top of the Big 12.

"We have our work cut out for us," Hill said. "Two years ago we finished in almost last place. Last year we finished first, and obviously we only have one championship in 80 years. There's a long ways to go, but at the same time I want to embrace what that preseason ranking is and I want us to take pride in that, and I think our kids will."

The good news is that K-State returns a good chunk of

one of last year's best lineups in the country, highlighted by the return of senior Ross Kivett after being drafted in the 10th round of the MLB Draft this summer.

"The family atmosphere here was enough to come back," Kivett said of his decision to return. "There's other things in life, like a degree and the fellowship I have with these guys. I'd be pretty sad sitting in a minor league bus seeing my guys go to Omaha."

The reigning Big 12 Player of the Year will man second base once again for the Wildcats, after batting .360 from the leadoff spot with a .440 on-base percentage, while stealing 26 bases.

Senior first baseman Shane Conlon also elected to return after being drafted this summer, and will once again provide a big bat in the middle of the Wildcat offense after hitting .341 and slugging .502 last year.

Short stop Austin Fisher is back for his junior campaign after leading the team with a .361 batting average, while senior Blair DeBord is back behind the dish with a solid bat and great defense.

While the entire infield returns, K-State lost it's starting outfield from last year as Jared King was drafted in the fifth round and Tanner Witt and Jon



K-State senior infielder **RJ Santigate** hits a pop fly into the outfield during the Wildcats' game against Northern Colorado on March 12, 2013 at Tointon Family Stadium.

Davis both graduated.

Junior outfielder Mitch Meyer all but locked down one spot with a solid showing last year, slugging .492 in 53 games, but the other two spots will be open to competition during the first few weeks.

K-State's pitching staff will be highlighted by Big 12 Freshman of the Year Jake

Matthys, who will return as the team's closer after nine saves and a team-best 2.05 ERA last season.

"You have no idea," said Matthys when asked if he was ready for the season to begin. "It's been over six months now since I've seen a hitter in there with a different jersey on."

Last year, the Wildcats re-

ceived incredible contributions from their freshman pitchers, and will need the same this year after season-ending injuries to Matt Wivinis, Blake McFadden, and Nate Williams.

In the rotation, the Wildcats' Friday starter will be Sophomore Levi MaVorhis, who put up a 5-0 record and a 4.77 ERA in 23 appearances

last year, including six starts. Senior left-handed pitcher Jared Moore will likely take another starting spot, and the Sunday starter has yet to be determined.

K-State's season kicks off on Friday night at 8 p.m. as they travel to take on Cal Poly, who is ranked No. 29 in the NCBWA preseason poll, in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

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K-State looks to rebound against Texas

By DAVID EMBERS
THE COLLEGIAN

After two tough road games, the K-State women's basketball team finally returns home for a battle with the Texas Longhorns. The Wildcats (9-13, 3-8 Big 12) have lost two straight games, and are looking to bounce back against a very good Texas team. The Longhorns (16-7, 7-4 Big 12) are fresh off an impressive seven point win over Iowa State, and are hoping to keep the momentum rolling as they arrive to Manhattan.

As expected, the young K-State roster has seen some ups and downs so far this season. Head coach Deb Patterson knew that with seven freshmen on her roster, it was going to be a learning experience. In fact, this is the youngest K-State roster since the 1977-78 season. The Wildcats lean heavily on freshman point guard Leticia Romero to engage the offense and be the catalyst. In addition, 6-foot-5-inch freshman center Breanna Lewis has been the anchor inside defensively, but is still working on adjusting to the speed of the game. The two show great promise, but have had stretches where they show they are still 18 or 19 years old.

Offensively, it is evident the Wildcats are struggling. As a team, K-State is shooting 38 percent from the floor, which is ninth in the Big 12. Compare that to Texas, who shoots just under 45 percent from the floor. This discrepancy can be attributed mostly to the limited number of layups and transition baskets the Wildcats get. While it is evident that K-State loves the 3-pointer (499 attempts), the Wildcats should look to capitalize on the new rule changes and attack the rim, to finish or draw contact.

Junior forward Nneka Enemkpali leads the Longhorns, averaging just over 13 points per game. The 6-foot-1-inch



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Senior forward **Katya Leick** drives the ball around Kansas senior guard **CeCe Harper** in Bramlage Coliseum on Jan. 25.

Pflugerville, Texas native has been dominant inside, shooting over 53 percent, and ripping down about nine rebounds per game. Enemkpali is joined by senior sharp-shooter Chassidy Fussell, who averages approximately 10 points per game, and shoots over 35 percent from behind the arc. While the Texas offense is certainly potent, it is the defense that has been turning heads thus far. The Longhorns are giving up an average of 57.3 points per game, which is good for first in the Big 12. Additionally, teams are shooting 33 percent from the floor against Texas.

The Longhorns are not the type of team that you want to see when your offense is sput-

tering. However, when playing at home, the Wildcats have proven that they can flip the switch. K-State has a winning percentage of .721 when playing at home since Bramlage Coliseum was opened 26 years ago. Combine that with Texas' 1-4 road Big 12 record, and you have the makings of an upset. If the Wildcats can come out with tons of energy and knock down their first couple 3-pointers, who knows what will happen. The Wildcats need to add a few more wins to their resume before they can be confident they will earn a post-season birth, and there's no better time to start than tonight against the Texas Longhorns.

Tonight's game is scheduled to tipoff at 7 p.m.

FLORES | 'Flo' remembered fondly

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Flores was often called "Flo" and was passionate about sports and his studies, according to Page.

"He had a great way of looking at life," Page said. "I wish more people could view life the way he did."

Jared Clark, senior in mass communications, also worked with Flores at KSDB. Clark said Flores' passion was one of his most memorable traits.

"He was a freaking awesome guy," Clark said. "He lived, drank and ate sports."

Mary Renee Shirk, a K-State alumna and former KSDB station manager, referred to a Flores t-shirt some of the people at the station made.

"It was my first day on the job and all of the guys had t-shirts with his face on them to convince me to hire him,"

Shirk said. "It was fantastic to see how many people liked him."

Flores would often help promote the radio station, even putting on a leprechaun outfit for Saint Patrick's Day and walking around Aggieville, according to Shirk.

"He would do anything for the radio show," Shirk said. "He was just a really loyal guy."

Shirk said she was surprised to hear of his death and could not understand why it occurred.

"It's sort of scary that something like that could happen," Shirk said. "I never met anybody who didn't like him. I'm sorry we lost a great radio professional."

That sentiment was shared by Steven Smethers, associate director of undergraduate studies for the A.Q. Miller School and associate professor of jour-

nalism.

"I know of nobody who loved K-State and K-State sports more than he did," Smethers said. "I just can't imagine the chain of events that would lead to the evening that happened."

Smethers said that Flores' death was the saddest thing to have occurred in all his years of teaching.

"He would work all hours of the day," Smethers said. "He was somebody who wasn't afraid to go after what he wanted. He didn't let anything stop him."

Police are still investigating, but have no leads and made no arrests. Anyone with information about the crime is asked to call Wichita Police Department at 316-268-4141 or anonymously to Wichita/Sedgwick County Crime Stoppers at 316-267-2111.

BSU | Promotes 'Black culture,' history

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This February, during black history month, Clark said he believes it is important to educate people about the contributions African Americans have made to American culture, as well as celebrate the rich heritage of African American culture itself, and that the BSU is an important aspect of doing so.

"I feel like we have a very rich history here in Manhattan, in America and K-State," said D'Aonda Bush, junior in accounting and Spanish and current vice president of the BSU. "I think it's important that people know where we came from and that it's something to be proud of."

Clark said he agreed with Bush, emphasizing the need to educate young African Americans and the

community at large about African history.

"You need to be told more than you were slave, you were freed, there were civil rights and now we're here," Clark said.

Role of BSU

According to its mission statement, the BSU aims to, "focus on the development of the Kansas State community

by advancing academic stability, political action, and the leadership of black students, while promoting Black culture across all aspects of life."



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Everyone Likes To Show A Little Skin

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Console gaming trumps counterparts with dependable hardware, price efficiency



TATE STEINLAGE
THE COLLEGIAN

Few objects can take people back to their childhood in the way video game consoles can. Just saying the phrase “N64” or “NES” likely makes people think of a memory with a friend or sibling.

Now, video game consoles have certainly evolved in recent decades. No longer are they bought and sold to

just children and adolescents. They are marketed and sold to a wide variety of ages. But throughout the ages one thing remains: these machines are a part of our culture.

We are talking about a form of media that has been around for about 42 years and is showing no signs of slowing down. In fact, 2014 may prove to be one of the biggest years for console gaming yet.

Whether it’s the childhood memories or the everyday use, console gaming is viable and important to many. And when the argument arises, it’s a better option than PC or handheld gaming devices.

From a technological standpoint, console gaming has been all over the spectrum. Before computers were potent, consoles were powerful and

visually impressive. However, as of late, consoles have fallen behind due to PC hardware and processing power.

Mumbo jumbo aside, this actually isn’t a negative for consoles. Why? Because most consumers don’t want to continually shell out money for the latest, upgradable tech.

Before last year’s release of the Xbox One and PlayStation 4, consumers enjoyed seven years of gaming on the Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3. Instead of forcing gamers to buy new upgrades to run their games, developers tapped into the technology and pushed games to look and perform better as the years went on.

With PC gaming, however, this isn’t the case. Developers will produce their games on the optimal hardware.

In most cases, if you don’t already have the developers’ preferred hardware, you can’t play the title.

The price of upgrades alone, which can be frequent, can cost a PC gamer anywhere from \$50 to \$1,000 in addition to the hundreds to thousands of dollars building a worthy PC setup.

When it comes down to it, who wants to be told you can’t play a game because you have driver 1.1, while you actually need driver 1.1a?

With console gaming, you spend a few hundred dollars or so for a machine and get the most out of it until the next generation comes years down the road. For our capitalistic society, that is what many would deem a financial investment.

On the other side of this three-way argument, though, is consoles versus handhelds. Unlike the PC argument, current handhelds still have yet to surpass the latest consoles in visuals or performance. That has actually proved to be the biggest downfall for handhelds.

Instead of getting a regular dose of big, triple-A games like “Call of Duty” or “Grand Theft Auto,” handhelds have become a platform for independent developers and Japanese hits. Of course, Nintendo has their big names of “Mario” and “Zelda,” but even these have been less-spoken about than the yearly blockbusters.

Handhelds also struggle to capture the ever-increasing multiplayer landscape that

makes up PC and console gaming. While it is handy to play a game on the road, more and more gamers want to play with their friends online. It is difficult without a Wi-Fi connection or paid subscription for 3G or 4G Internet.

While this console versus PC versus handheld gaming debate has been going on for years, it must be said that the games aren’t the central issue or a real issue whatsoever. Rather, infrastructure is what sets them apart and, for what current gaming is, the best experience is on consoles.

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Console, PC, and handheld gaming all have their strengths and weaknesses.



PCs superior gaming choice for utility, performance, financial advantages



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It can be easy to overlook the PC as a gaming platform.

I built my first PC just a little over a year ago. Making the jump to PC is easily one of the best decisions I’ve ever made.

One of the biggest arguments I hear against the PC is price. Many people don’t want to sink their hard-earned cash into a \$1,000-plus machine. While a PC does have a higher initial price point, it also comes with financial advantages that blow game consoles and handheld devices out of the water.

Most notably are the sales. PC games are always going on sale somewhere. I’ve saved thousands of dollars, and I continue to save money by shopping smart. Being able to pick up a game that came out just a few months ago for less than \$10 is something I’ve never experienced when all I had was a console.

With my PC, it’s nearly a weekly occurrence. Even pre-ordering PC games can be cheaper. Many publishers offer a reduced price as an incentive for pre-orders.

If coupled with coupons at certain game shop sites, one can get brand new games for 25-30 percent off. Suddenly, PC gaming doesn’t feel like such an expensive hobby. If you’re a broke college student, the games could cost the same price as a Happy Meal at McDonalds.

PC games look and run a lot better than their console or handheld counterparts, in most cases. The first time I saw a game on its highest graphical settings, running at a buttery-smooth 60 frames per second in true HD resolution, I’m fairly certain my brain melted in my skull. If you care about a game’s graphics and performance, a gamer will never be able to beat the PC.

A desktop PC will never be outdated like a console or handheld will. You can upgrade its components whenever, keeping PC gamers on the cutting edge of performance.

A big reason to choose one console over another is the set of exclusive games that each model offers. I can get games like “Infamous,” “Uncharted,” “God of War” and “The Last of Us” on my Sony console, “Halo,” “Gears of War” and “Forza” on my Microsoft console, or “Mario” and “Zelda” on a Nintendo.

However, these console giants’ staple of exclusives pales in comparison to what the PC has to offer. There are entire genres that are barely on consoles that live in abundance on PC.

Two of these are massive multiplayer online role-play-

ing games and real-time strategy games. Even with all the MMORPGs and RTSes, there is also a near endless stream of unique and awesome indie games that call the PC their home.

PC can also play PC games that came out decades ago. I love playing old classics like “Baldur’s Gate,” “Fallout 1” and “Fallout 2.” You’ll practically never run out of games to play on a PC.

PCs also beat out consoles and handhelds in the utility they provide. You can use a PC for schoolwork, shopping on Amazon, watching movies and shows on Netflix and Hulu, and surf the Web. While gamers can do some of those things on consoles, in most cases, the PC is much easier and smoother to use. It is great to be able to play a game, switch to my web browser to Google something, then switch right back to my game in one fluid motion.

Overall, Consoles and handhelds just don’t quite compare to PC. I built my PC from the ground up. It is my baby. It can play anything I throw at it, and I can do nearly all of my work on it. It is capable of things my consoles can only dream of. I still play my consoles, but when given the choice I almost always choose the PC.

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Handheld gaming leaves other platforms behind in portability, accessibility, costs



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Out of the three modern platforms for gaming, one is hands down better than the rest: handheld devices.

The Nintendo 3DS or PlayStation Vita have the gaming world in a stranglehold, which makes them the better option over console and PC gaming systems.

First, there is accessibility and versatility with handheld gaming. Your PC and console are staying at home. There is no getting around that. If someone wants to take their systems with them, they would need somewhere with a working outlet and an Internet connection. If it is a console, you’ll also need a television.

What does it take to set up a handheld? Sliding it out of your pocket and hitting the power button. While the console gamers are sitting in the halls waiting for a class to start, whining all the while about how they are not slaying zombies, the handheld gamers are fighting off the undead virtually anywhere.

Console gamers are limited to their couches or chairs near where their systems are

connected to a power source. Handheld gamers can play on a couch, bed, patch of grass or any other comfortable surface out there.

Handhelds already have a leg up on the competition by being portable, but that isn’t even the best part of the platform. It’s the costs of gaming. As college students, we are more in tune with our wallets than most. If we don’t have the cash, we are not buying all sorts of cutting edge electronics.

A gaming computer doesn’t come pre-built. You’ll start with a good computer that can run north of \$1,000. Then, you’ll have to upgrade it over and over just to try to deal with the lag time in the computer’s outdated graphics. Those upgrades are also expensive. So right away, PC gaming has pushed itself beyond the reach of most college students’ budgets.

That leaves the vast majority of gamers looking to consoles and handhelds.

The current generation of consoles are going to cost about \$600. If it is bundled with a launch game, then the cost ends there. If it’s not, a console gamer will have to spend another \$60 or so just to have a game to play. However, just downloading something from the online game store is significantly less in cost than a new console game.

But even that doesn’t compare to the savings handheld gamers find. The current generation of handhelds sits just under \$200, while their games cost \$40.

In a hypothetical situation, a gamer with \$1,000 to spend on gaming systems and accessories could make a down payment on a gaming PC, buy a new console and a handful of games. If that same gamer with \$1,000 opted for a handheld device instead, the money would not only buy the device, but twice as many games too.

Disregarding hypotheticals, the gamer could buy a handheld system with two games and only spend about \$300 of that \$1,000. The \$700 left over could go to tuition and books like a responsible student.

Handhelds simply offer more bang for your buck. You can avoid headaches and keep your arm and a leg to play video games rather than forking them over for a bigger screen.

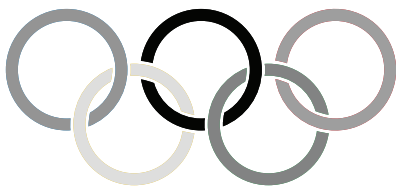
Speaking of headaches, you know what you don’t get with handhelds? Problems. Problems like hoping the server can handle the traffic, DRM issues via Internet or a game released in Beta so the consumers can fix the bugs. What I’m referring to is just about every problem that has plagued PCs and consoles over the last year, especially PCs. “Sim City,” “Diablo III” anyone?

When is the last time you’ve seen or heard an angry Nintendo customer complain about their handheld device? Never is the correct answer.

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Wednesday, Feb. 12

6-9 a.m. Hockey: USA vs. Canada, NBC Sports

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nordic Combined (Individual Normal Hill - Cross-Country Phase), NBC Sports

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hockey: Czech Republic vs. Sweden, USA

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Hockey: Latvia vs. Switzerland, MSNBC

1-1:45 p.m. Luge (Men's Doubles), NBC Sports

2-4 p.m. Nordic Combined (Individual Normal Hill), KSNT

4-7 p.m. Curling: Switzerland vs. Great Britain, CNBC

4:30-6 p.m. Hockey: replay of an earlier game (Game of the Day), NBC Sports

7-10:30 p.m. Alpine Skiing (Women's Downhill), Speed Skating (Men's 1000m), Snowboarding (Women's Halfpipe), Figure Skating (Pairs Free), KSNT

11 a.m. to Midnight Luge (Men's Doubles), KSN

Thursday, Feb. 13

Midnight to 3:30 a.m. replay of Alpine Skiing (Women's Downhill), Speed Skating (Men's 1000m), Snowboarding (Women's Halfpipe), Figure Skating (Pairs Free), KSNT

2-4:30 a.m. Hockey: Finland vs. Austria, NBC Sports

4-7 a.m. Curling: USA vs. Great Britain, USA

4:30-6:30 a.m. Cross-Country (Women's 10km Classical), Skeleton (Women's), NBC Sports

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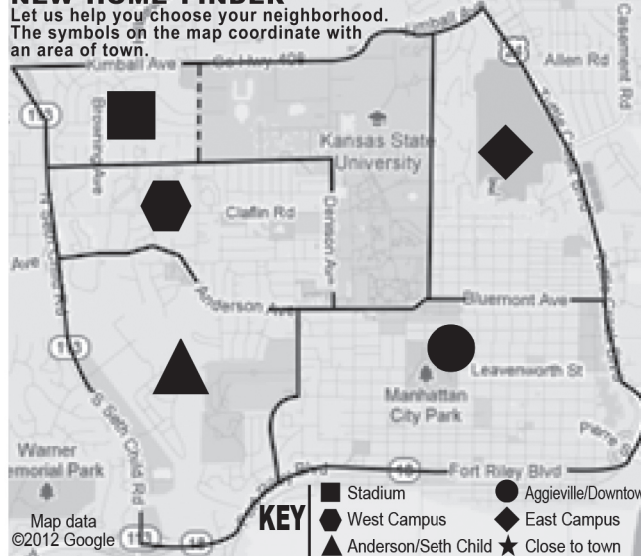
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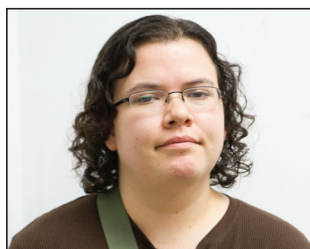
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Ten date ideas for romantic, affordable Valentine's Day

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Valentine's Day doesn't need to break the bank; there are plenty of inexpensive ways to show you care

Valentine's Day is nearly upon us, and dating can be a pretty expensive hobby. For the financially woeful college student, it can be a stressful occasion. But fear not! There are plenty of ways to be romantic without breaking the bank.

1. Go ice skating

The ice skating rink in Manhattan City Park has been reserved from 8-11 p.m. on Feb. 14 and will be available to students as part of a UPC After Hours program. Even on days when it is not part of the After Hours program, it is still affordable at \$3 per person and \$3 for skate rentals. Don't know how to ice skate? That'll be part of the fun. Bring a sturdy camera and take pictures of each other being foolish. Have some laughs. The ice skating rink is located in the Jon and Ruth Ann Wefald Pavilion at 1101 Fremont St. Questions, call 785-587-2757.

2. Go to the (affordable) movies

If you prefer to stay warm, UPC will also be showing the 2013 romantic drama "About Time" starring Rachel McAdams and Domhnall Gleeson in the K-State Student Union's Little Theater. You can watch it on Fri-



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Leaving love notes is a simple and easy way to show your significant other that you love them.

day at 8 p.m. for \$2 per ticket, or Saturday with showings at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. for \$3 per ticket. Renting a movie and staying home is always affordable, but if you prefer the movie theater experience, this is the way to do it on a budget. And Cats' Den sells popcorn.

3. Leave romantic notes everywhere

This plan works easier if you live with your significant other, but you can still find a way to pull it off even if you don't. Use sticky notes and leave some sweet words in high traffic areas where your partner will find them – in the fridge, on the cover of their biology textbook in their backpack, on the bathroom mirror, wherever. Get creative.

I would suggest you keep it clean. You can be super romantic just by saying honest things, like "I love your laugh" or "you inspire me." This might seem like a lame idea, but it can inspire you to get really creative, and I don't know

anybody who isn't grateful for a little adoration.

4. Cook dinner for your partner – or do it together

This is an easy one, too. Why pay \$12 for spaghetti in a crowded restaurant that lost your reservation when you can do it at home? Cooking dinner for someone you love is nice, but I have always enjoyed doing it together with someone. Plus, you can make it really nice together by dicing up fresh tomatoes and making your own garlic bread in the oven.

Working on a project together is fun and promotes bonding. Plus you can find new opportunities to wow your partner. There are literally dozens of ways to fold napkins and they're all available online in easy step-by-step instructions with pictures. Take 10 minutes to learn one as a surprise.

5. Sing a romantic song – badly

Cat Tracks: Grill and Pub, located at 3043 Anderson Ave.,

has karaoke on Fridays. It doesn't matter if you can't sing, because that is sort of the point of karaoke. Like the ice skating I suggested earlier, sometimes it is fun to do something together that you're really bad at so that you can laugh about it and have a great time.

6. Organize a scavenger hunt

This is similar to the romantic notes idea. If you have a gift for your loved one, why just hand it over to them when you can get creative? Make a treasure map, use geocaching or create a series of riddles that sends your partner searching for clues in places that are special to you, like where you had your first date. Make it a memorable experience. It's a great way to use inside jokes to make it personal. I once gave a present to someone that was in a small bag locked with a cheap combination lock. In order to get the combination, they had to solve the riddle, and it was an obscure movie reference that I knew they knew.

7. Volunteer together

Contact local organizations that need volunteers and schedule a time to work together this weekend. Once again, this provides you with an opportunity to do a fun project together and learn something new about each other. It's a nice added bonus that you get to feel good about doing something worthwhile to benefit others.

8. Make a photo collage together

You can sort through existing photos together to pick out meaningful moments and make a collage, or you can grab a disposable camera and hit the town together, then develop the film and make the collage at a later time. Try to use the photos in a creative way to tell a narrative – the story of you two. Don't forget to hit up the photo booth at Auntie Mae's Parlor.

9. Double date – game night

Get together with another couple or two and host a game night. Drink wine, snack on cheese and play interactive games like Whose Line is it Anyway? or Scattergories. Get goofy and have some laughs together, then snuggle on the couch with your partner afterward and watch the Winter Olympics together.

10. Poyntz Avenue window shopping and the mall

When's the last time you went for a stroll together? Poyntz Avenue is the perfect strolling spot. Do some window shopping together before heading into the mall. There are also a couple of different places to grab a cup of coffee and a tasty pastry – my personal favorite is Kitchen Capers. Then drop by the arcade and play some old-school video games together. Maybe you can win your sweetheart a stuffed toy from the crane machine.

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College Ave., 2211 #102
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Spain, 2114**

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